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1. There are very few ideologically-convinced Communists in the Chinese com-
munity in Rangoon, but those few, the leaders of the China Democratic League
(Burma Branch) (CDL(BB)), make so much noise that the outside observer is
erroneously led to believe that Communism is strong in the Chinese community.
The direction and driving force for the CDL(BB) itself seems to come mainly
from China-born Chinese high school teachers, especially those at the Nan
Yang High School.*

2. The Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee (KMTRC) in Rangoon is composed of
Chinese who were previously staunchly pro-KMT but who joined the KMTRC be-
cause they did not want to be on the wrong side of the fence when the
Chinese Communist embassy is established in Rangoon.** Most of the members
of the KMTRC are businessmen and their Communism consists, at most, of lip-
service to the new government in China. They are lukewarms towards, and
some may even be hostile to, Communism as such. If it were not for the
pressure put on them by the CDL(BB), the KMTRC would probably die for lack
of enthusiasm.

3. The overwhelming majority of the Chinese in Rangoon know nothing about
politics or government, and they are not interested in Communism, Socialism,
or any other "ism". Many of them, however, can be talked into signing peti-
tions or even contributing their names to the membership rolls of a patriotic
Chinese society.

4. The following Chinese associations in Rangoon are inclined to be pro-Comm-
unist:

Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Leading Chinese organization most of
whose members are merchants, and most of whose officers, including

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the following, are pro-Communist:

Chairman: KHOO E Hwet, 58 year old Sino-Burmese proprietor of an ice and soda water company. KHOO also acts as a councillor for the Rangoon Corporation and is a member of the AFPEL.

Vice-Chairman: LIANG Hounq Kuang, 44 year old proprietor of a liquor and pawn shop; CHERN Soon Sui, 60 year old merchant handling general merchandise.

Secretary-General: C. Su Bin (aka Birn), 38 years old; manager of the Chinese New Evening Post.

Burma-Chinese Trade Association. Members of this association are mostly merchants handling general merchandise peculiar to Burma.

Chairman: CHEN Jian May

Vice-Chairman: HUANG Tei Jin, 48 years old

Chinese Teachers' Union. Members of this organization are Chinese teachers in Burma, some of whom are engaged in work for the Communist Party.

Prominent members: YANG Chang-shi, SHEIU Wei-mei and HUANG. HUA Ming, 42 year old Cantonese, is headmaster of the Nan Yang Chinese High School, Baham, and is one of the editors of the Chinese New Evening Post.

Chinese Clerks' Union. Members are mostly young clerks employed in Chinese shops in Rangoon.

Chairman: CHION Ding Foo, a Fukinese who is active and influential in Rangoon.

Chinese Women's Society. Members are mostly teachers and girls from girls' schools in Rangoon. The head of the society is WANG Yee Mong, 30 years old, a teacher at the Burma-Chinese High School, Kemmadine. Another member is LIN Jin Lam, age 48, a teacher in a girls' school in Rangoon.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. Other information available to this office indicates that two of the missions of the KMTRC are to bring the more conservative members of the Chinese community under Communist control and to stimulate the flow of overseas Chinese money to China.

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